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## TAX COMMISSION MAKES BIG RAISE IN VALUATION OF ELKO COUNTY LAND

WILL MORE THAN DOUBLE THE  
PRESENT VALUATIONS OF ALL  
LAND IN ELKO  
COUNTY

MAY RAISE OTHER  
PROPERTIES

TAXPAYERS ARE TO BE BLED TO  
FURNISH MONEY TO PAY SAL-  
ARIES OF SINECURE  
OFFICERS

Following are copies of letters re-  
ceived today by County Auditor Great-  
house and the board of county com-  
missioners from the Nevada Tax Com-  
mission:

Carson City, Nevada,  
November 12th, 1914.  
Mr. W. G. Greathouse,  
Auditor of Elko County,  
Elko, Nevada.

Dear Sir:—The following changes in  
the assessed valuation of property in  
your county for the year 1914 have  
been made by the Nevada Tax Com-  
mission, in compliance with section 6,  
chapter 134, statutes of 1913.

Said changes in valuation are here-  
by certified to and you are directed  
to enter same on the 1914 assessment  
roll of your county.

In accordance with enclosed copy of  
resolution unanimously adopted by the  
Nevada Tax Commission, sitting as a  
final state board of equalization, under  
date of November 10th, 1914, you are  
hereby directed as follows:

All lands on your roll for \$2.25 to  
\$3.00 inclusive per acre, you will raise  
to \$4.50 per acre.

All lands on your roll for \$6.00 to  
\$9.00 inclusive per acre, you will raise  
to \$15.00 per acre.

All lands on your roll for \$12.50 and  
\$13.00 per acre, you will raise to \$24.00  
per acre.

All lands on your roll for \$11.00 and  
\$15.00 per acre, you will raise to \$45.00  
per acre.

Allow assessed valuation covering  
all dry farms in Metropolitan and Wells  
districts to remain as they now ap-  
pear on the roll.

You are further directed to report to  
this Commission the total amount  
said schedule will increase Elko coun-  
ty roll for 1914, and also report same  
to your board of county commis-  
sioners, in order that county tax rate based  
on budget of estimated expenses  
may be reduced from the present basis  
of 84 cents in same proportion that  
valuations have been increased since  
the filing of the budget.

You are further directed to secure  
reduced rate from board of county  
commissioners and thereafter extend  
roll accordingly.

NEVADA TAX COMMISSION,  
By L. F. Adamson, Secretary.  
Attest: J. F. Shaughnessy, Chairman.

Carson City, Nevada,  
Nov. 13th, 1914.  
To the Honorable Board of County  
Commissioners, Elko County,  
Elko, Nevada.

Gentlemen:—Your estimated budget  
of county expenses for the year 1914  
calls for \$194,000.00. Our records show  
you fixed your county rate for the year  
1914 at 84 cents based upon the total  
you assessment roll for the year  
1913 of \$22,655,635.00. This would pro-  
duce an aggregate of \$190,307.33,  
which indicates to this Commission  
that at the time of the preparation of  
your budget and the levying of your  
tax rate you had on hand \$3,692.67 ap-  
plicable to these budget expenses.

Since the fixing of the tax rate and  
the filing of the budget the total val-  
uations within your county have been  
increased over the 1913 roll by \$7,520,  
374.00, or 33 1-3 per cent.

Therefore in compliance with sec-  
tion 3818 of the Revised Laws of Ne-  
vada taxpayers should shovel money into  
the state treasury with a scoop shovel,

blood sucking politicians would ar-  
range for a steam shovel to shovel it  
out.

In conversation with an Independent  
reporter today County Assessor Weath-  
er stated that the increase demand-  
ed by the commission would raise val-  
uations in this county about \$4,000,000.  
But this is only half the story. The  
commission is said to be still read-  
justing and it is proposed to increase  
the roll to \$30,000,000, which is ap-  
proximately \$7,000,000 more than it is  
at present. Where the end will be,  
the tax commission and the Lord only  
know.

In the letter to Mr. Greathouse it is  
stated that the county rate is to be  
cut from 84 cents to 59 cents. This is  
a mistake, inasmuch as the present  
rate is 79 cents. This makes the cut  
in the county rate just 20 cents.

Nevada 1912, and section 4 of the Ne-  
vada Tax Commission Act, chapter 134  
Nevada Laws 1913, the Honorable  
Board of County Commissioners of  
Elko County is hereby directed to re-  
duce said county rate for the year  
1914 30 per cent or a reduction of the  
present rate from 84 cents to 59  
cents.

You are further instructed to make  
such additional reduction in your  
county rate as bullion tax receipts in-  
creases in livestock assessment or any  
other source of revenue will permit.

Very truly yours,  
NEVADA TAX COMMISSION,  
J. F. Shaughnessy, Chairman,  
C. H. Colburn, Commissioner,  
F. N. Fletcher, Commissioner.  
Attest: L. F. Adamson, Secretary.

The above letters speak for them-  
selves, yet we cannot refrain from  
comment. The substance of it all is  
that our state government has grown  
so expensive that the tax commission  
considers itself obliged to squeeze  
more money out of the taxpayers to  
meet the demands upon the state  
treasury.

As it was aptly put some time ago, if  
But the cut in the county rate is  
little consolation to the taxpayers, and  
of little or no concern to the commis-  
sion. It is the state rate that con-  
cerns them. The state rate is 60  
cents on the \$100 valuation, and with  
the \$7,000,000 increase which it is  
claimed is proposed, Elko county will  
be obliged to pay into the state treas-  
ury annually \$180,000. As Elko coun-  
ty has been paying about one-fifth of  
the entire state revenue, if all counties  
are similarly treated the state revenue  
will approximate \$900,000. With a pop-  
ulation of 80,000 this means a per  
capita tax of more than \$11 for state  
purposes alone. Such a tax cannot be  
found in any other state in the Union.

According to Assessor Weather he  
fixed the valuation on sage brush hill  
land at \$2.25. The commission raises  
it to \$4.50. Pasture land he fixed at  
\$6 and it is raised to \$15. Meadow  
lands with wild hay he fixed at \$12.50  
and it has been raised to \$24. Grain  
land he fixed at \$11, and alfalfa at \$15,  
and these have been increased to \$45.  
This is regardless of cash valuations  
and regardless of locality. There may  
be favored localities in Elko coun-  
ty where land might justly be assessed  
at the values fixed, but they are  
few and far between. It is a fact that  
very few will pay two per cent interest  
on such a valuation.

But the greatest injustice in a hori-  
zontal raise of this kind is to the  
small owner. The big owners hold  
the cream of the land, both in point  
of location and possibilities of produc-  
tion. But as a rule the big owner  
does a proportionately small amount  
of cultivation. The small owner, in  
order to live must cultivate, and for  
this his taxes are increased. When he  
breaks up and cultivates pasture land  
his taxes are increased from \$6 to \$45  
per acre. He is taxed, or better said,  
he is fined for his industry.

The tax commission is proving a  
complete farce so far as arranging  
equitable taxation is concerned, and  
the next legislature should wipe it out  
completely and inaugurate a new sys-  
tem which will insure just and equita-

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## EXPERTS WILL PASS ON THE ROCHESTER PROPERTY

HEAVY INTERESTS PLAN EX-  
TENSIVE DEVELOPMENT  
IF REPORT IS SAT-  
ISFACTORY

For the purpose of giving the un-  
derground workings of the Rochester  
Mines property a thorough examina-  
tion with a view to planning a more  
extensive development in case the ex-  
amination warrants it, John F. Cowan,  
president of the company, accompa-  
nied by expert mining men, is on the  
way to the camp. Should the prelimi-  
nary report prove satisfactory a corps  
of engineers will be sent to the prop-  
erty to thoroughly sample the veins  
bearing ore.

The preliminary work and sampling  
will be done for the purpose of deter-  
mining the value of the ore now in  
sight, together with the prospects of  
what can be done by a big campaign  
of development. There are associated  
in the Rochester Mines company cap-  
italists who have expressed a willing-  
ness to increase their investment in  
this property if they can be shown  
that there are prospects of it being  
converted into a producer of consid-  
erable magnitude and much depends up-  
on this work as to the future of the  
camp.

Recent development has shown rather  
an extensive commercial ore de-  
posit. It has been demonstrated that  
the vein extends beyond the confines  
of a full claim, and some of the ad-  
joining ground has been acquired for  
the purpose of proving up on these de-  
posits. The back vein development is  
said to be the most remarkable of any-  
thing yet demonstrated in that dis-  
trict, and some of this ore is of an  
unusually high grade for such an ex-  
tensive deposit. All of it thus far de-  
veloped is an ideal free milling ore.

It may take several weeks at least  
and possibly a couple of months before  
definite results will be ascertained  
from this examination. The complete  
sampling of this property will be re-  
quired to fully determine the extent  
of the new work that will be laid out.  
Unless the examination proves suc-  
cessful the company may decide to  
continue operations along the present  
lines.

What the owners appear to be in-  
terested in most is whether or not  
they have a big low grade deposit that  
will insure mining operations on an  
extensive scale for a number of years.  
They say the high grade deposits are  
very acceptable and make money rap-  
idly, yet the low grade deposits are  
more enduring and in the final sum-  
ming up have proven to be more pro-  
fitable.—Salt Lake Tribune

## WOMEN ENGAGE IN ALTERCATION

ONE ARRESTED, GETS MAD AND  
ACCUSES THREE  
OTHERS

Yesterday afternoon Ethel Cox, a  
member of the restricted district, had  
another member of that district, Zana  
Edwards, arrested on the charge of  
disorderly conduct, alleged to have  
been committed in the house of Ollie  
Davis the night previous.

The Edwards woman then swore out  
a counter warrant charging three  
other inmates of the district, Jean  
Fields, Jean Johnson and Nettie  
O'Leary, with the same offense in the  
house of Jean Fields. Both warrants  
allege that the defendants were fight-  
ing, carousing and raising trouble in  
general. They will have their prelimi-  
nary hearing before Judge Castle on  
Monday.

### NOTICE

Any private families who will have  
rooms to let for the week previous to  
the Holidays, please notify the Mayer  
Hotel at once. On account State  
Teachers' Institute.—adv.n.21.

B. F. Nevin, of San Francisco, is in  
the city today. He is stopping at the  
Hotel Mayer.

## DICTAGRAPH REVEALS AN I. W. W.

TROUBLE SQUAD TELL HOW  
TONOPAH SUFFERED  
FROM MIDNIGHT  
FLAMES

ONE FIRE BUG  
AWAITS SENTENCE

I. W. W. HAVE MISSION OF  
SABOTAGE AND CARE  
NOT FOR LIVES  
IMPERILED

The destruction by fire of a theatre  
and 13 dwellings in Tonopah and the  
burning of the Yellow Tiger plant at  
Goldfield have, it has been deter-  
mined by full and free confession, been  
the result of the battle cry of "sabot-  
age" by the Industrial Workers of the  
World, as stated in the Independent  
yesterday, and now confirmed.

Boris Thomassen has made the  
confession and tomorrow he will re-  
ceive at the hands of Judge Mark R.  
Averill of Tonopah what the law de-  
ems adequate punishment.

Thomassen is not the true name of  
the incendiary. He is mixed Russian  
and German and has been in this  
country only five years. Thomassen  
is an anglicization of his almost un-  
pronounceable cognomen.

He was one of the 26 I. W. W. who  
beat their way to Reno several weeks  
ago and who were permitted to re-  
main there one day, supplying their  
larder through importuning house-  
holders. They then beat their way  
from Sparks to Hazen on a freight  
train.

It was realized by Chief Evans of  
Tonopah that that city was their ob-  
jective point and an appeal was sent  
to the Southern Pacific officials and  
to township, county and state offi-  
cers to prevent their invasion of the  
silver camp.

### Squad Refuses Work

M. J. Hewitt, Southern Pacific de-  
tective; Capt. J. P. Donnelly of the  
state police, and local officers re-  
sponded. At Hazen there was a clash  
between the industrials and the offi-  
cers. The former were prevented  
from riding trains from Hazen and  
they walked to Lahontan. There they  
attempted to live off the people and  
the government officials asked for  
aid, which was sent speedily. The  
I. W. W. were offered work on the  
government dam, but refused it, say-  
ing they "had a mission at Tonopah."

The Thell detective agency sent re-  
inforcements to the local officers and  
it is learned that a detective armed  
with a gripful of dictagraphs, posses-  
sed also of an I. W. W. card, joined the  
trouble makers and was accepted as a  
comrade.

The "trouble squad," as they named  
themselves, were compelled to tramp  
all the way to Mina, where two were  
jailed on disorderly charges. Section  
houses along the way were levied upon  
for provisions and at one place clo-  
thing also was taken.

It is learned that the I. W. W. sent  
money to the marchers from Tonopah  
to various places along the line. When  
Mina was reached, similar precautions  
were taken to prevent the 26 trouble-  
makers from riding trains over the  
Tonopah & Goldfield railway.

"It was amusing," says Detective  
Hewitt, "to note the angry demon-  
strations when I abused the detective  
who was a member of the party and  
threatened him with arrest."

### Few I. W. W. Citizens

All the members of the gang, ac-  
cording to another officer, were young  
and few of them were citizens of the  
United States. In conversation among  
themselves they frequently referred  
to themselves as the "trouble squad,"  
and narrated how they had accom-  
plished sabotage at various places to  
which they had been sent, particularly  
at Wheatland, Cal., and at points in  
Utah. They took pride in their "mis-

## NEVADA THE MOST MALE STATE SAYS MISS ANN MARTIN

DECLARES SUFFRAGE VICTORY  
RESULT OF MEN REAL-  
IZING VALUE OF  
WOMEN

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 12.—The  
advent of Montana and Nevada to the  
ranks of the suffrage states was cele-  
brated tonight by delegates to the  
National American Woman Suffrage  
association, which opened its annual  
convention here today.

In a symposium on the fight for  
the ballot in the seven "campaign  
states" where suffrage was an issue  
at last week's elections, representa-  
tives of the suffrage organizations of  
the two where amendments were suc-  
cessful and the five where they were  
lost, told of their successes and  
hopes for the future.

### Nevada a "Male State"

Miss Anne H. Martin, speaking for  
Nevada, declared her state was "the  
most male state" in the Union, the  
1910 census showing two men to ev-  
ery woman. The suffrage victory,  
she said, indicated that the man had  
realized their need of women in help-  
ing to direct governmental affairs.

The suffrage victory in Montana  
was attributed by Miss Mary Stewart  
to thorough organization in each  
county and precinct of the state and  
to concentrated, harmonious work by  
both leaders and the rank and file.

### Will Reelect Dr. Shaw

After the brief address by the rep-  
resentatives of Missouri, Ohio, Ne-  
braska and North and South Dakota,  
where unsuccessful suffrage cam-  
paigns were waged, a resolution sig-  
ned by the delegates of the seven  
"campaign states" expressing ap-  
preciation of the work of Dr. Shaw as  
present head of the national organi-  
zation.

Action was taken to indicate that  
Dr. Shaw probably would have the  
support of the campaign states for  
reelection.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. J. M. Swander, Pastor.  
Services 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.  
Sunday School at 12:10.

A cordial invitation is extended to  
the public.

"sion," which was one of destruction.  
All seemed dissatisfied with present  
conditions, but seemed to think the  
only remedy was to destroy.

The anarchistic band were footsore  
and weary when Tonopah was reach-  
ed, but received comfort and solace  
from the I. W. W. in that camp. Chief  
of Police Evans of Tonopah, who  
worked with the officers in splendid  
fashion, according to a detective in  
the party, came out from Tonopah to  
meet them and made a close study of  
their faces and listened to their con-  
versation.

Next came the burning of the 14  
buildings in Tonopah at midnight. To  
revert to an incident along the road:  
A driver of one of the Adams & Miller  
teams offered 50 cents an hour to any  
two members of the party who would  
unload a car of lumber for him, but  
none would accept.

### Hellish Plot Revealed

After the fire the "trouble gang"  
were permitted to leave Tonopah, but  
at Thorne the entire bunch were taken  
from the train by Sheriff Grutt and  
other officials. They were placed in the  
county jail at Hawthorne six miles  
away and, in the language of one of  
the officers, "the jail was lousy with  
dictagraphs." Thomassen was heard  
telling the other I. W. W. how neatly  
the Tonopah plan worked, how Miss  
Bronson, the antisuffragist lecturer,  
was detained at the stage while he  
went to the rear of the house and de-  
posited a damp cloth containing phos-  
phorus, over which he placed inflamma-  
ble material, and then all left the  
building, the fire starting as soon as  
the phosphorus had dried.

The dictagraphs revealed the con-  
versation and when confronted by the  
evidence from this instrument, Thom-  
assen broke down and made full con-  
fession, but refused to implicate any  
of his fellow incendiaries. When asked  
why he had committed this crime,  
when women and children might have  
been burned to death, he shrugged his  
shoulders, uplifted his palms in an  
odd gesture, and replied:  
"It was for the cause."

## J. BULL GETS REVENGE FOR GUN BOAT

SUBMARINE WHICH SUNK NIGER  
AND ONE OTHER SENT TO  
BOTTOM BY MINES  
OFF DOVER

ENGLISH ARE  
OPTIMISTIC

HAVE DRIVEN TEUTONS FROM  
THEIR POSITION ON RIVER  
YSER AND ARE BECOMING  
HOPEFUL

LONDON, Nov. 14.—(Special)—Eng-  
land evened scores with Germany for  
the blowing up of the Niger today  
when British warships lured two Ger-  
man submarines, one of which was the  
one which destroyed the Niger, into  
mines off the coast of Dover and de-  
stroyed them. The whole country is  
still in an uproar over the invasion of  
the submarines and will not be at  
rest until all German craft are clear-  
ed from the North Sea and the Chan-  
nel.

Advices from the front say that the  
Germans have been driven out of their  
position on the Ypres river and that  
the situation looks better for the Al-  
lies than it has since the war started.

## WITHOUT MONEY OR JOB, SEEKS DEATH

SPANIARD, FACING LACK OF  
ROOM RENT, THROWS HIM-  
SELF BEFORE TRAIN

Manuel N. Encarthe, a Spaniard,  
who has been in Reno for several  
months, attempted yesterday to end  
his life by leaping in front of a Sou-  
thern Pacific train, near the depot. He  
was saved by E. B. Sollenberger, as-  
sistant baggage master, who pulled  
him off the tracks just in time.

Encarthe, who is a mechanic, claims  
to have sought work assiduously for  
many weeks with but small success.  
Despondent he determined yesterday  
to commit suicide. His room rent at  
the Hotel Espanol needed to be paid  
and he had no money nor prospects  
of any.

He was seen for several minutes  
waiting around the S. P. depot until  
the approach of a freight train, at  
noon. Walking to the west end of the  
depot he stepped in front of the en-  
gine and threw himself on the tracks.  
The engineer whistled rapidly, at-  
tracting the attention of Sollenberger,  
who was near. The latter pulled the  
man from the tracks just as the en-  
gine passed.

Encarthe was taken to the police  
station by Patrolman Walstrom. He  
attempted to escape from the police-  
man but was prevented. He is being  
held pending a hearing before Justice  
of the Peace Davis.—Gazette.

### LADY PAINFULLY INJURED

Mrs. Ernest H. Price, wife of the  
rector of the Episcopal church of this  
city, was painfully injured this morn-  
ing when she fell down the steps  
leading into the basement of the Pio-  
neer building. She was walking along  
the sidewalk by that building and as  
she was engrossed in reading a sign  
on the building she failed to notice  
the steps and before she realized it she  
had fallen down into the basement.  
She was dazed for a few minutes and  
would have probably been passed by  
unnoticed had not Constable McMurt-  
rey happened to pass that way and  
heard her groans. She was taken home  
and medical treatment given her. It  
is not thought that she is seriously  
hurt.

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